

REMARKS

I. Formal Matters

Claims 1-32 are all the claims pending in the present Application. By this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 19 and 29. The amendments to claims 2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 19 and 29 were made for consistency and precision of language. No new matter has been added.

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 10 has been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicant has amended claim 10. As such, Applicant respectfully asserts that this rejection is now moot.

The Examiner has also rejected claims 2-8, 11-13 and 15-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant amends claims 2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 19 and 29 as requested by the Examiner. The rejections of any other rejected claim is cured by virtue of its dependency from the amended claim.

Additionally, with respect to claim 6, the Examiner asserts that this claim is indefinite because “it is not clear whether or not ‘the base’ in claim 6 and ‘the central [portion]’ in claim 2 refer to different structures.” Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims do, in fact, refer to different structures.

In particular, the reflector of the present invention may be formed of one piece of reflective material wherein a “central portion” allows for a solar cell to be attached. In a separate embodiment, the reflector may be formed of at least one under-reflector, which is extended by a base portion, such that the base portion and the under reflector may form a single piece of

electrically insulating material. As such, Applicant respectfully asserts the “central portion” and the “base” of the reflector are not necessarily the same element.

With regard to claim 7, the Examiner asserts that there is no antecedent basis for “the each cell” limitation in line 12. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Specifically, claim 7 is directed to “The cell according to claim 1, wherein each cell is an individual cell in a string of cells ...” As such, Applicant respectfully asserts that there is sufficient antecedent basis for the above-mentioned claim limitation.

III. Double Patenting

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 1-32 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of co-pending U.S. App. No. 10/681,218 (hereinafter “the ‘218 application”).

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this rejection in view of the terminal disclaimer that is filed concurrently herewith.

Applicants note that the filing of a terminal disclaimer to obviate a rejection based on non-statutory double patenting is not an admission of the propriety of the rejection.

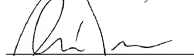
IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

This Application is being filed via the USPTO Electronic Filing System (EFS). Applicant herewith petitions the Director of the USPTO to extend the time for reply to the

above-identified Office Action for an appropriate length of time if necessary. Any fee due under 37 U.S.C. § 1.17(a) is being paid via the USPTO Electronic Filing System (EFS). The USPTO is also directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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